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ABSTRACT

In recent years, legislation and litigation relating to education have increased dramatically. Consequently, there is a growing need for educators to understand legal mandates as they relate to the school setting. There is also a growing need to identify the areas in which schools are "at risk" in relation to students' safety and rights. To help administrators determine areas of risk that may exist within their schools, this guide addresses 30 key issues of student safety and student rights and sets forth specific responsibilities of administrators and teachers in these critical areas. Each issue is divided into the following three major sections: (1) statements about the responsibilities of the administrator and teacher; (2) discussions of areas of liability, categorized by maintenance, supervision, and instruction; and (3) recommendations for action that administrators should follow or use in advising their staffs. A total of 58 representative cases are excerpted at the back of the guidebook, and cross-references are provided at the end of each issue. An additional list of 16 readings and an index are provided. (MLF)

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